Amos 7: 12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1: 3-10, Mark 6: 7-13

FOCUS: God blesses us with everything we need to do his will.

People are able to do great things, but they need the tools with which to do them. Construction equipment is essential for building. Cooking utensils are necessary for cooking. Agricultural machinery is vital for farming. No matter what the profession, if an employer expects an employee to accomplish the desired work, the necessary tools must be provided. When the worker uses the tools to the best of his or her ability, much will be accomplished.

God not only entrusts each of us with a mission in life, we are provided with the tools we need to accomplish it. From prophet to politician from parent to teacher, from factory worker to business owner, God blesses each of us with a calling and gives us talents with which to do our work. Each of us is called to holiness which will permeate our work and workplace with the presence of God.

As we listen to our readings today, we hear how God calls, equips, and sends people forth to do his will and to proclaim his presence to the world. In our first reading, we hear about the prophet Amos. God called Amos, equipped him with God's holy word, and sent him from Judah to prophesy to the people of Israel. It was not Amos' own desire that drove him to prophesy. It was the command of God and the power of God in the life of Amos which enabled him to do the work God asked of him.

Our Gospel gives us an account of Jesus commissioning the twelve Apostles. Jesus not only calls them to share in his ministry, he equips them with instructions and empowers them with authority. Then, He sends them forth to preach and heal in his name. Jesus makes it clear that they were not to weigh themselves down with worldly goods. Rather, they were to trust that their needs would be taken care of by those they served. The final line of the Gospel tells us that the Apostles used all which Jesus had given them to accomplish their mission.

We may not have the great callings of the Apostles or prophets, but each of us is, nonetheless, called by God, blessed by God, and sent by God to do a mission in this world. Listening to the words of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, we hear the magnitude of God's goodness to us.

No calling is too small or too grand in God's providence. All who share in the life of Christ are called, blessed, and commissioned. We can draw great strength from Paul's words that each of us is chosen and called by God to be holy sons and daughters in Christ. Jesus, no matter what our profession or state in life.

With great eloquence, Paul proclaims God's generosity to us. God blesses us with a holy identity, redeems our lives, empowers us with wisdom and the Holy Spirit, and gives us a share in the sacred mission of his Son. None of us is left without a task to accomplish, nor are we left empty-handed to do what God calls us to do. Rather, as Paul says, God bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens!

In order to receive and use all which God has given to us, we have to be open to see, to hear, and to accept our God-given call and the gifts and talents provided to us. Ears which are closed to the message of God, eyes which are closed to our God-given gifts, and a life closed to doing the will of God will never fulfill its mission. It was not easy for Amos, but he opened his life to the Lord's call. It was not easy for the Apostles, but they were open to the gifts Jesus gave to them to proclaim the Good News. In and through Christ, we have been blessed indeed. It is time for us to recognize all which God has given us, and to go forth to live out our call. Only then can we complete our mission.

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Please join the Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) during our summer First Friday programs. We will meet August 4th to celebrate Mass (at the regularly scheduled 12:05 Liturgy) and join in fellowship during a potluck lunch following Mass. Families are welcome!

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF July 13, 2003

Mon – Exodus 1: 8-14, 22, Matthew 10: 34—11:1

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Tue - Exodus 2: 1-15a, Matthew 11: 20-24

Saint Bonaventure

Wed – Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12, Matthew 11: 25-27

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thurs – Exodus 3: 13-20, Matthew 11: 28-30

Fri – Exodus 11: 10—12: 14, Matthew 12: 1-8

Saint Camillus

Sat – Exodus 12: 37-42, Matthew 12: 14-21

Blessed Virgin Mary

ANNOUNCED MASSES

| Sat | 12 July 1715 | Parishioners of MHT |
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| Sun | 13 July 1000 | Parishioners of MHT |
| Mon | 14 July 1205 | Vincent Theysohn |
| Tue | 15 July 1205 | Duane Mullinix |
| Wed | 16 July 1205 | |
| Thurs | 17 July 1205 | Sister Mary Jane Kenny |
| Fri | 18 July 1205 | Mariana Mae Furner |

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance <u>630</u> Offering <u>\$1,162.40</u>

This weeks Designated Offering: July 12 & 13 will be for "Sacred Heart"

HOST FAMILY FOR Jul 19-20

1715 Volunteer 1000 Volunteer

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jul 19-20

D. Wolfe, M. Bayles, L. BetrosK. Hayden, T. Hayden, M. Phillips

USHERS FOR Jul 19-20

1715 Volunteer1000 Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS Jul 19-20

1715 Steven Rutkowski, Jon Pultz, Sarah Pultz 1000 Steve Nelson, Andrew Nowak, Volunteer

PROCLAIMERS FOR Jul 19-20

1715 George Gawrych, Joe Peterson1716 Tom Weafer, Brian Moretti

Use your talents!

We appreciate the contribution each one of our parishioners makes to the act of corporate worship here at Most Holy Trinity. As we celebrate Mass on Saturday 1715 and Sunday 1000, singers and instrumentalists are invited to volunteer their efforts in support of the music leadership. Contact LTC Andy Glen for information about the Folk Group on Saturdays (warm-up at 1630, before Mass) and/or Meredith Baker regarding the 1000(warm-up at 0930 Sundays).

I have a question. Whom do I call? <u>Pastoral Coordinator</u>...Kate Hayden 938-8760 <u>Chaplain's Assistant...</u> SPC Alexander 938-3721

Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

<u>Director Rel-Ed</u>... Kay Heppes... 938-8761 Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
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<u>Director of Music</u>.... Meredith Baker...938-3544 Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

<u>Pastor</u>.... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721 Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

> <u>Cadet Issues</u>....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784 Fr. Jerry Deponai ...938-2784

Visit our Web Site @http://www.usma.edu/Chaplain/mht/

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Thursdays 1820 –1930 at MHT Chapel

Chaplain's Time is Here!

The new cadets at BEAST are going to need our support more than ever. Every Wed. evening in July, MHT parish will be doing its annual treats for the new cadets. We will need baked goods and snacks from everyone. Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. This is a great opportunity for old and new parishioners to meet & mingle with the cadets. POC: Andy Glen @446-4874.

<u>Dates to remember for Chaplain's Time</u> July **16 & 23** set up time is @ **1800** Serving begins @ **1930**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)
POC Tanya Tolentino @ 424-3609

Adios Padre

Dear Father Burns,

One of our most important missions here at Most Holy Trinity Parish is to build community where Christ is recognized and witnessed. By your example you have prayerfully encouraged us to become a faith-filled community willing to share our gifts and talents for building up the Body of Christ. Your faithfulness and generous spirit will be forever etched upon our hearts and minds. May the Lord shower you with His many blessings as you go forth on your new mission.

May you always have work for your hands to do.

May your pockets hold always a coin or two.

May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.

May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

We say so long but not farewell, dear friend of ours.

"Thanks for being Catholic" and Thanks for being in the Army.

We were so blessed to have you here.

WE ARE NOT CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER!

If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your child or children for Religious Education, the summer months are a great time to stop by the Religious Education Office, which is located in the Cloister Room (chapel basement). At this time, you can fill out a registration form and find out about our need for catechists, bus coordinators for the 2003-04 semester. Please call "Ms. Kay," Director of Religious Education @938-8761. *OPENING DAY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS SEPTEMBER* 7TH.

Parish Registration

We ask families and single adults who worship with us to register officially as Most Holy Trinity Parishioners. Such registration helps us to be able to contact you and keep track of our parish. It also helps when you are seeking a letter of eligibility for being a sponsor and for some marriage requirements. You can pick up a registration form from the Rectory or use the one attached to the bulletin. Moving? If you will be leaving us, please notify us of the change.

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

WELCOME to all new folks joining our parish & **FAREWELL** to all who are moving. Please help us keep our Census up-to-date by filling out this form:

| Name | |
|---|--|
| Address | |
| City & Zip | |
| Phone | |
| Please Check one: New registration Updated registration I am moving out of the area | |

Please drop off in offering basket at Mass or Parish ofc.